Magistration and the Public Safety Report System (PSRS)

Order	PSRS Process	Description	Person Responsible Is/Could Be:
1	Person is arrested. (defendant)		Law Enforcement Officer
2	Defendant is processed.		Law Enforcement Jail
3	Defendant is entered into the PSRS. The Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (TLETS) is queried for Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) to produce the Public Safety Report (PSR) in the PSRS.	The PSRS will have the ability to query TLETS for CHRI. Only PSRS user with a TLETS user ID will have that level of access. The PSRS will generate the PSR based on the information queried in TLETS through the PSRS. Therefore, the PSRS users who enters the defendant information into the system must be a user with TLETS access, such as a local law enforcement official.	Magistrate Court Staff Local Law Enforcement Jail *This should be decided at the local level.
4	Defendant's PSR is presented to the magistrate.	The magistrate will access the PSR and full CHRI on the defendant directly from the PSRS or in the form of a physical copy printed from the PSRS. The magistrate shall consider the PSR before setting bail. *Note that the PSRS may not be the only item relied on when making a bail decision.	Court Staff Local Law Enforcement Jail *This should be decided at the local level.
5	Defendant is presented to the magistrate without unnecessary delay, but no more than 48 hours after arrest.	Art. 15.17 Hearing Flowchart Link	Local Law Enforcement Jail *This should be decided at the local level.
6	Bail type, amount, and conditions are decided.	Magistration is completed.	Magistrate
7	Bail decisions are entered into the PSRS and Bail Form is generated.	The defendant's bail type, amount, and conditions will be entered into the PSRS. This can be done as the decisions are being made or entered afterwards. Once the bail decisions are entered for the defendant into the PSRS, the magistrate or an individual of their choice will certify that the information provided in the PSRS was considered for setting bail. Upon certification, the Bail Form is generated and submitted to OCA, the defendant's record in the PSRS is completed, and the defendant's CHI is removed from the system. The bail form must be completed no later than 72 hours after the time the defendant's bail is set.	Magistrate Court Staff Local Law Enforcement *This should be decided at the local level.
8	Bail Form is published on a public website by OCA.	The following information will be published on the Bail Form: - Defendant's cause number (if available), name, DOB, and offense(s) leading to arrest. - Name and office/position of person setting bail. - Bail type, amount, and conditions. Additional Information	OCA

Additional Information

- Any individual who accesses either hard or electronic copies that contain CHRI (ex: the PSR and CHRI from TLETS) must obtain and maintain a Criminal Justice Practitioner (CJP) certification through the Texas Department of Public Safety.